***Of Mice and Men***

**Themes and Page Quotes**

Each group will have 15 minutes to research each theme from chapters 1-4 and find textual evidence by providing a page number and quote.

* Quote (Page Number)

**The American Dream**

With us it ain’t like that we’ve got a future we’ve got somebody to talk to that gives a damn about us we don’t have to sit in no bar room blowing in our jack, just because we got no place else to go and them other guys gets in jail they can rot for all anybody gives a damn but not us p 14

We’ll have a big vegetable patch and a rabbit hutch and chickens and when it rains in the winter well just say to hell with going to work and well build aup a fire in he stove and sit around it and listen to the rain coming down on the roof. P 14+15

I was born right here in California my old man had a chicken ranch bout 10 acres the white kids come to play at our place and sometimes I went to play with them and some of them was pretty nice my old man didn’t like that I never knew till a long later why he didn’t like that but I know now p 70

I tell ya I could’ve went with shows not just one neither and a guy told me he could put me in pictures p 78

If I was even a little bit smart id have my own little place and id be bringing in my own crops stead of doing all the work and not getting what comes up out of the ground p 39

I seen the guys that go around on the ranches alone that ain’t no good they don’t have no fun after a long time they get mean they get wanting to fight all the time p 41

All kinds of vegetables in the garden and if we want a little whiskey we can sell a few eggs or something or some milk we just live there we belong there, there wouldn’t be no more running round the country p 57

There is a path through the willows and among the sycamores, a path beaten hard by boys coming down from the ranches to swim in the deep pool, and beaten hard by tramps who come wearily down from the highway in the evening to jungle-up near water. (page 1-2)

"With us it ain't like that. We got a future. We got somebody to talk to that gives a damn about us. We don't have to sit in no bar room blowin' in our jack jus' because we got no place else to go. If them other guys gets in jail they can rot for all anybody gives a damn. But not us. An' why? because... because i got you to look after me, and you got me to look after you, and that's why." (page 14)

“Well that was a lie. An I’m dame glad it was. If I was a relative of yours id shoot

myself”. (page 24)

“I ant saying he is bright. He ain’t. but he is a god dam good worker”. (page 22)

**Loneliness**

LONELINESS

“Crooks, the negro stable buck, had his bunk in the harness room; a little she that leaned off the wall of a barn.” (pg. 66)

“He kept his distance and demanded other people kept theirs” (Pg 67)

“Lennie droned to himself softly, I ain’t gonna say nothin’ … I ain’t gonna say nothin’ … I ain’t gonna say nothin’.’ ” (Page 6 and 7)

“... Crooks was a proud, aloof man” (Pg 67)

“Lennie closed his hand and slowly obeyed. George took teh mouse and threw it across the pool to the other side, among the brush. “What do you want of a dead mouse anyways?” “I could pet it with my thumb while we walked along,” said Lennie. (page 6)

“Lennie’s lip quivered and tears start

ed in his eyes.” (Page 9)

“I ain’t wanted in the bunkhouse, and you ain’t wanted in my room” (Pg 68)

“Well, a man got to have some fun sometimes,”

Chapter 4, Page: 67

“Well, I got a right to have a light. You go on get outta my room. I ain’t wanted in the bunk house and you ain’t wanted in my room.”

“WHy ain’t you wanted?” Lennie asked.

“‘Cause I’m black. They play cards in here but I can’t play because I’m black. They say I stink. Well, I tell you, all of you stink to me.”

Lennie flapped his big hands helplessly. “Ever’body went into town,” he said. “Slim an’ George an’ ever’body. George says I gotta stay here an’ not get in no trouble. I seen your light.”

Chapter 4: Lennie said miserably, “ George wun’t go away and leave me. I know George wun’t do that.” Page 73, Chapter 4

Chapter 4 page 69: “the pup”, Lennie repeated. “I come to see my pup”

“ Well, go see your pup then. Don’t come in a place where you’re not wanted.”

Lennie lost his smile. He advanced a step into the room, then remembered and backed to the door again. “I looked at ‘em a little. Slim says I ain’t to pet ‘em very much”

Crooks said, “well, you been talkin’ ‘em out of the nest all the time. I wonder the old lady don’t ,ove ‘em someplace else.”

“Oh, she don’t care. She lets me.” Lennie had moved into the room again.

Crooks scowled, but Lennie’s disarming smile defeated him. “Come on inand set a while,” Crooks said. “‘Long as you won’t get out and leave me alone, you might as well set

**The Life of a Migrant Worker**

“Guys like us, that work on ranches, are the loneliest guys in the world. They got no family. They don’t belong no place. . . .” pg 13

“Over each bunk there was a nailed an apple box with the opening forward so that I made two shelves for the personal belongings of the occupant of the bunk.” Pg 17.

“Ain’t we gonna have no supper?” pg 8

“Ain’t many guys travel around together” pg 35

“He had accumulated more possessions than he could carry on his back” pg. 67

“Tired and tired.”-Pg. 4

“I ain’t got nothing.”- Pg. 5

“Well you ain’t tryin very hard.”- Pg. 32

“Maybe we outta wash up.”- Pg. 33

“But we ain’t done nothing to get dirty.”- Pg. 33

-They had walked in single file down the path, and even the open one stayed behind the other. (pg.2)

-“Ain’t we gonna have no supper?” Sure we have three cans of beans. (pg.8)

-Why…he…just quit, the way a guy will. (page19)

-“The boss was expecting you last night” there old man said “HE was sore as hell…(pg.18)

-“We travel together” (pg.25)

-I lost my hand here on this ranch. (page59)

**Relationship between Lenny and George**

Ch 1

Page 3 “ Lennie, for God’ sakes don’t drink so much.” -George

Page 5 “ George ……. I ain’t got mine. I musta lost it.“ -Lennie

Page 5 “ You never had none, you crazy bastard. I got both of ‘em here. Think I’d let you carry your own work card?” -George

Ch.2

“He’s my cousin. I told his old lady i’d take care of him. He got kicked in the head by a horse when he was a kid. He’s awright. Just ain’t bright. But he can do anything you tell him.” (pg.22)

- George talking to the boss about lennie

Ch3

page 39 “Jus’ tell Lennie what to do an’ he’ll do it if it don’t take no figuring. He can’t think of nothing to do himself, but he sure can take orders.” - George talking to Slim about Lennie

“ Course Lennie’s a God damn nuisance most of the time, but you get used to goin’ around with a guy an’ you can’t get rid of him.” (pg.41) - George about lennie

Ch4

“Maybe you cn see now. You got George. You know hes goin’ to come back. S’pose you didn’t have nobody.” -Crooks (pg 72)

“George wun’t go away and leave me. I know George wun’t do that.” -Lennie (pg 73)

• “Now George won’t let me get no rabbits because you got killed” (85)

• “Now I wont get to tend the rabbits. Now he wont let me” (85)

• “George says I ain’t to have nothing to do with you.” “George giving you orders about everything?” “ I can’t tend no rabbits if I talk to you” “ he’s scared Curley’ll get mad. Well, Curley got his arm in a sling an’ if Curley gets tough, you can break his other han’. You didn’t put nothing over on me about getting’ it caught in no machine.” No, sir. I ain’t gonna talk to you or anything.” (86)

• "because I got you to look after me, and you got me to look after you, and that's why." (p.15

• Give it here (6)

• “O sure I remember in weed “ (6)

• “ you know god damn well what I want that mouse “ (9)

• “up north, in weed, oh sure I remember in weed. That ranch were going to is right down there about a quarter were going there to see the boss.” (6)

• “I ant going to say nothing.” (6)

**Characters (Personality Quotes)**

**Lenny**

**George**

**Curley**

**LENNY**

“Behind him walked his opposite, a huge man shapeless of face, with large pale eyes with wide, sloping shoulders; and he walked heavily, dragging his feet a little, the way the bear drags its paws. His arms did not swing at his sides but hung loosely.” (Page 2)

“But not us! An’ why? Because . . . because I got you to look after me, and you got me to look after you, and that’s why.” (Pg 14)

“An’ live off the fatta the lan’ . . . An’ have rabbits. Go on, George!” (Pg 14)

“Strong as a bull.” (Pg 22)

“I don’t want no trouble . . . don’t let him sock me.” (Pg 29)

GEORGE :

“The first man was small quick, dark of the face , with restless eyes and sharp strong features. Every part of him was defined: small, strong hands, slender arms and a thin boney nose.” (Page 2)

CURLY :

“Never did seem right to me. S’pose Curley jumps a big guy an’ licks him. Then ever’body says the big guy oughtta pick on somebody his own size, and maybe they gang up on the big guy. Never did seem right. Seems like Curley ain’t givin’ nobody a chance” (pg 27)

“Seems to me he’s got worse lately. He got married a couple of weeks ago. Wife lives over in the boss’s house. Seems like Curley us cockier’n ever since he got married.” (pg. 27)Slim

**Crooks**

“Crooks was a proud, aloof man. He kept his distance, and demanded that other people kept theirs. His body was bent over to the left by his crooked spine, and his eyes lay deep in his head, and because of their depth seemed to glitter with intensity.” Pg 67

“You got no right to come in my room. This here’s my room. Nobody got any right in here but me.” Pg 68

“I was born right here in California. My old man had a chicken ranch, ‘bout ten acres. The white kids come to play at our place, an’ sometimes II went to play with them, and some of the was pretty nice. My ol’ man didn’t like that. I never knew till long later why he didn’t like that. But I know now…” pg 70

“Maybe you can see now. You got George. You know he’s goin’ to come back. S’pose . longyou didn’t have nobody. S’pose you couldn’t go into the bunkhouse and play rummy ‘cause you was black. How’d you like that? S’pose you had to sit out here an’ read books. Sure you could play horseshoes till it got dark, but then you got to read books. Books ain’t no good. A guy needs somebody—to be near him… A guy goes nuts if he ain’t got nobody. Don’t make no difference who the guy is, long’s he’s with you. I tell ya” pg 72 & 73

Pg. 62

Carlson talking about slim:

“you tried to throw a scare into Slim and you couldn’t make it stick. Slim throwed a scare into ya. “

“There was a gravity in his manner and a quiet so profound that all stopped when he spoke. His authority was so great the his word was taken on any subject, be it politics or love.” P 33

- describing Slim